

16. What answer did you give to question 9 in the first study - about the role others have to play in people being born again? You may have answered that question from Romans 10.14-15, what answer could you give from verses 23-25 in 1 Peter 1?

17. **Read John 15.12.** What reason (or reasons) do we have from what Jesus says to love one another? How does 1 Peter 1.19-21 help us in this?

Pray

Give thanks to God for all that He has done for us and given to us in Christ and pray that He would help us to do the things we have read about in these verses.

Pray for those around the world who do not have enough to eat or water to drink.

Pray those who are living futile lives without Christ.

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1 Peter

Week 3 : Prepare for Action

1 Peter 1.13-25

In this study keep a look out for the things we are told to do (imperatives) and why we should do them.

Read 1 Peter 1.13

1. What thing (or things depending upon your translation) are we told to do in this verse?

2. What is the significance of the opening word 'therefore'?

3. How does what we are told to do relate to what we have already seen in our previous two studies?

4. How does the Christian's motivation for our conduct differ, for example, from the reason for teaching 'British values'?

5. Why do you think this section begins with "preparing your minds for action" (literally "gird up the loins of your mind") and "being sober-minded"? What does this show about the link between doctrine and ethics for Christians?

Read 1 Peter 1.14-16

6. In these verses what are we told not to do and then what are we told to do? What are we told not to be like, and what are we to be like?

7. What motivation is given here for why we should be holy in our conduct?

8. Take a look at the passage Peter quotes - Read Leviticus 19.1-4. What specific instructions are given in the few verses and how do they relate to the fact that God is holy?

Read 1 Peter 1.17-21

9. Remember that Peter began by describing Christians as exiles. In verse 17, knowing that God is judge, we are told to “conduct yourselves with fear”. Is fear a good motive for Christian conduct?

10. In the following verses what else does Peter say that we know? How does knowing these things also provide a motivation for conducting ourselves with fear?

11. Peter describes the former life of his readers as “futile ways inherited from your forefathers” (v18). Is that a fair description of life without Christ today and would you say it described you before you were born again (v23)?

12. Notice in these verses the focus on “the last times” which began with the first coming of Christ (v20). We live now awaiting His return and the final judgement. How does what Christ did, as described in these verses, help us to live not only with reverent fear but in faith and hope?

Read 1 Peter 1.22-25

13. In verse 22 what are we told is part of our purification and obedience and what are we therefore told to do?

14. If Christians are supposed to love one another what does this show us about the importance of fellowship and therefore of church?

15. How does what is said in these verses about the “word” and “the truth” give us a reason to love one another?